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SUBJECT: UJNR DESALTING PANEL MEETING

REF: J.W. O'MEARA'S LETTER (DEPT OF INTERIOR, OFFICE OF WATER  
RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY) TO ISHIZAKA, 8/12/74

1. JAPANESE PANEL ON DESALTING OF SEA WATER AND UTILIZATION OF  
BY-PRODUCTS, UJNR, HAS REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF A STATEMENT IN  
REFLETTER BY O'MEARA TO EFFECT THAT US PANEL WILL NOT BE IN  
POSITION TO DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE PANEL HOLDING ANOTHER PANEL  
MEETING UNTIL EARLY 1976 RPT 1976. MR. O'MEARA'S LETTER  
ATTRIBUTED DEFERRAL TO REORGANIZATION OF DEPT OF INTERIOR'S  
OFFICE OF SALINE WATER AND RESULTING UNCERTAINTIES IN FUTURE  
PROGRAMS AND BUDGET. JAPANESE PANEL MEMBER INDICATED THAT  
EXTENDED DEFERRAL OF DECISION ON NEXT PANEL MEETING CAME AS  
SERIOUS DESAPPOINTMENT TO JAPANESE SIDE, AND WE WOULD ANTICIPATE  
JAPANESE OBJECTION TO THIS DEFERRAL, IF IT IS CONFIRMED THAT  
EARLY 1976 DATE FOR DISCUSSION IS INTENTIONAL, AND NOT IN ERROR.  
JAPANESE CONCERN IS PARTLY RELATED TO FACT THAT FUNDS ARE  
AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THIS FISCAL YEAR (ENDING MARCH 31,  
1975) TO PARTICIPATE IN DESALTING PANEL MEETING IN US, BUT  
CONCERN UNDOUBTEDLY GOES MUCH DEEPER THAN THIS, IN VIEW OF  
IMPLICATION IN LETTER THAT CONTINUANCE OF PANEL, AND NOT MERELY  
TIMING OF NEXT MEETING, IS BEING QUESTIONED IN US.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION, IF  
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ANY, ON BASIS FOR PROPOSED DEFERRAL TO 1976 OF DISCUSSION

OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF DESALTING PANEL. IN ADDITIONAL, SINCE  
PANEL IS WELL-ESTABLISHED ACTIVITY UNDER UJNR, A GOVERNMENT-TO  
-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, EMBASSY FEELS THAT US DESIRE TO DEFER FOR AN  
EXTENDED PERIOD EVEN THE DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO PROCEED  
WITH NEXT PANEL MEETING SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO GOJ MORE IN  
TERMS OF A PROPOSAL THAN AS A UNILATERAL DECISION. IF US  
POSITION ON DEFERRAL IS CLEAR, EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF JAPANESE REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION AS OPPORTUNITY  
TO PRESENT NEED FOR THIS DEFERRAL IN SOMEWHAT MORE CONSULTATIVE  
MANNER. PLEASE PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND ADVISE IF  
THIS APPROACH IS ACCEPTABLE.  
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